



January News



Mrs. Frazier's Class

Literacy News:

We will be working on several winter themed projects to start off this new year. Our class is currently working in Unit 3 of the Scott Foresman Reading Series. If you are following along on the jcwaltkek website we are starting off this month on week 2.

Students will be working on the following letter sounds: (/r/ /d/ /k/ /f/) We will be learning the letter /o/ as a new vowel sound. New words to practice reading this month are: *with, she, look, house, see, are, they, you, of, and friend*. Our class will also learn to read/write color words. In grammar we will work on identifying verbs for now and in the past. Students will learn to add an s to verbs that have a singular subject. Our literacy centers will give students lots of extra practice with these new concepts.

Students will have many opportunities to write sentences about a given topic. We will work on writing "meaningful sentences using sensible phonetic spelling." When a child has written independently and misses an important letter, praise him/her for their effort, then read the kid writing back (emphasizing the sound of the missing letter) and ask him/her to listen for the missing letter. In most cases, the child is able to figure it out and place it in the word. This process is referred to as emergent editing and while we try our best, it is difficult for us to assist every child. Kindergarteners need support as they begin to write sentences. Please encourage and assist your child at home with writing.

All students will now be responsible for writing both first and last names on every assignment. If your child is having trouble writing his/her last name, please practice at home.

Math News:

We will complete our math unit on measurement. Students will use nonstandard and standard units of measure to compare, estimate, and describe length and height. We will also explore capacity and weight. Our class will learn about shapes and solids in our next unit. Students will learn to identify rectangular prisms, cubes, cones, pyramids, cylinders, and spheres.

Reminders:

- Every Wednesday our class visits the school library. Several students are forgetting to return their books. If a student does not return their book, he/she may not check out a new one. Please help your child remember.
- Please have your child work on the Lexia Reading Program at home. At this time of the year, all students should be working in the Primary Reading Levels. If you are having trouble getting on, I can resend you the customer ID and passwords.
- There will be no school on Jan. 17th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- Jan 20th will be an Early Release Day with a noon dismissal.
- Report cards will go home on Jan. 31st.

Happy New Year!